GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEVELOPMENT OF TRAVEL CIRCUITS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the travel circuits identified in the country for development during 2002-03 and the amount sanctioned for the purpose;

(b) whether any such travel circuits has been identified in the Eastern States particularly in Orissa; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)
(a) to (c) : The Department of Tourism, Government of India has proposed following six circuits for development of infrastructure to the international standard during 2002-03. An amount of Rs.41.50 crores has been earmarked for the purpose.: -

(i) Eastern Region - (Buddhist Circuit) Bodhgaya-Rajgir-Nalanda-Varanasi

(ii) Northern Region - (Himalayan Circuit)Route I - Chandigarh-Bilaspur-Kullu-Manali-Rohtang La-Key Long-Sarchu- Upshi-LehRoute II - Shimla-Sangla-Kaza-Chatru-Keylong-Sarchu-Yashi-Leh.

(iii) Central Circuit - (Heritage, Nature& Wildlife Circuit) Gwalior-Shivpuri-Chanderi-Orcha-Khajuraho-Jhansi-Bhopal-Sanchi and surrounding Buddhist areas-Bhimbetka-Pachmarhi-Kanha Jabalpur (Bhedaghat)

(iv) Western Circuit - (Konkan Riviera Circuit) Bombay-Alibagh (Mandva) - Muradjanjira-Ganapatipule-Vijaydurg- Mithibad-Kunkeshwar-Mochetmad-Sindhudurg-Tarkarli-Shiroda- Savantwadi-Amboli- Goa-Coastal Karnataka-Bekal

(v) Southern Circuit - (Backwater and Beach Circuit) Cochin-Kumarakom - (Backwaters) - Kottayam-Quilon-Trivandrum (Kovalam)

(vi) North-East Circuit - (Eco-Tourism Circuit) Shillong-Guwahati-Kaziranga-Tezpur-Bhalakpung-Tawang (Arunachal Pradesh)- Majuli-Sibsagar-Kohima